

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (Previously Presented) A method of displaying, on a display section of a customer apparatus, specification information about a custom-made product upon receipt of the specification information from a manufacturer server via a communications network, the method comprising:

at the manufacturer server

pre-storing appearance specifications corresponding to respective different exterior product parts, each appearance specification of a given exterior product part including an appearance specification image, where the appearance specification image corresponds to the exterior appearance of a candidate custom-made product as it would appear when customized by the customer to include the given exterior part;

pre-storing interior specifications of respective interior product parts to be selected by the customer to customize the interior of the custom-made product;

at the customer apparatus

displaying, on the display section, a first menu containing the appearance specification images showing the appearance of the respective candidate custom-made products, for selection by a customer, upon receipt from the manufacturer server;

selecting at least one candidate custom-made product of the appearance specifications from the first menu on the display section, the selecting being performed by the customer; and

displaying, on the display section, a second menu containing interior specifications of specific interior parts of different categories of interior parts, where the specific interior parts of the different categories correspond specifically to the selected candidate custom-made product of the appearance specifications, where the interior specifications are displayed for selection by the customer upon receipt from the manufacturer server.

2. (Previously Presented) A displaying method according to claim 1, wherein during said displaying of the interior specifications information at the customer apparatus, said second menu contains the kinds of the interior specifications and all the candidates for each kind.

3. (Previously Presented) A displaying method according to claim 2, wherein at the customer apparatus, delivery information about an estimated delivery term for every candidate is displayed on the display section upon receipt from the manufacturer server.

4. (Previously Presented) A displaying method according to claim 3, wherein after said selecting of the appearance specifications and the interior specifications from the first and second menus, the manufacturer server creates a confirmation page containing the appearance image information of the prospective custom-made product, which information corresponds to the result of said selecting, and transmits the confirmation page to the customer apparatus for displaying on the display section.

5. (Original) A displaying method according to claim 4, wherein the custom-made product is a personal computer, and the appearance specifications are display specifications.

6. (Previously Presented) A system for displaying specifications information of a custom-made product, comprising:

a manufacturer server having a database which previously stores appearance image information of a prospective custom-made product as appearance specifications which are to reflect the appearance of the prospective custom-made product and which have a plurality of candidates for forthcoming selection by the customer, said database also previously storing interior specifications information about interior specifications of the prospective custom-made product for forthcoming selection by the customer; and

a customer apparatus communicably connected to said manufacturer server and having a display section for displaying various kinds of information;

said manufacturer server reads out from said database a plurality of kinds of the appearance image information, as candidates of the appearance specifications and transmits the read-out candidates of the appearance specifications to said customer apparatus for

displaying on said display section as a first menu with which a customer selects at least one desired candidate;

said manufacturer server reads out the interior specifications information from said database, which information corresponds to the selected candidate of the appearance specifications, and transmits the read-out interior specifications information, which includes a plurality of candidates, to said customer apparatus for displaying on said display section as a second menu so that the customer can make selections.

7. (Previously Presented) A displaying system according to claim 6, wherein during the displaying of the interior specifications information at said customer apparatus, said manufacturer server displays, on said display section of said customer apparatus, said second menu contains the kinds of the interior specifications and all the candidates for each kind.

8. (Previously Presented) A displaying system according to claim 7, wherein said manufacturer server transmits delivery information about an estimated delivery term for every candidate to said customer apparatus for displaying on said display section.

9. (Previously Presented) A displaying system according to claim 8, wherein after the selecting of the appearance specifications and the interior specifications from the first and second menus, said manufacturer server creates a confirmation page containing the appearance image information of the prospective custom-made product, which information corresponds to the result of said selecting, and transmits the confirmation page to said customer apparatus for displaying on said display section.

10. (Previously Presented) A manufacturer server, adapted to be communicably connected with a customer apparatus, for use in a system for displaying specifications information of a custom-made product on a display section of the customer apparatus, wherein:

said manufacturer server has a database which previously stores appearance image information of a prospective custom-made product as appearance specifications which are to reflect the appearance of the prospective custom-made product and have a plurality of candidates for forthcoming selection by the customer, said database also previously storing interior specifications information about interior specifications of the prospective custom-made product for forthcoming selection by the customer;

said manufacturer server reads out from said database a plurality of kinds of the appearance image information, as candidates of the appearance specifications and transmits the read-out candidates of the appearance specifications to said customer apparatus for displaying on said display section as a first menu with which a customer selects at least one desired candidate; and

said manufacturer server reads out the interior specifications information from said database, which information corresponds to the selected candidate of the appearance specifications, and transmits the read-out interior specifications information, which includes a plurality of candidates, to said customer apparatus for displaying on said display section as a second menu so that the customer can make selections.

11. (Previously Presented) A manufacturer server according to claim 10, wherein during the displaying of the interior specifications information at said customer apparatus, said manufacturer server displays, on said display section of said customer apparatus, said second menu contains the kinds of the interior specifications and all the candidates for each kind.

12. (Previously Presented) A manufacturer server according to claim 11, wherein said manufacturer server transmits delivery information about an estimated delivery term for every candidate to said customer apparatus for displaying on said display section.

13. (Previously Presented) A manufacturer server according to claim 12, wherein after the selecting of the appearance specifications and the interior specifications from the first and second menus, said manufacturer server creates a confirmation page containing the appearance image information of the prospective custom-made product, which information corresponds to the result of said selecting, and transmits the confirmation page to said customer apparatus for displaying on said display section.

14. (Previously Presented) A customer apparatus, adapted to be communicably connected with a manufacturer server, for use in a system for displaying specifications information of a custom-made product on a display section of the customer apparatus, wherein:
said customer apparatus has a display section for displaying various kinds of information;

said display section displays a first menu containing appearance image information of a prospective custom-made product as appearance specifications which are to reflect the appearance of the prospective custom-made product and which have a plurality of candidates, said appearance image information of the individual candidates being received from said manufacturer server for selection from the displayed first menu by the customer; and

said display section also displays a second menu containing interior specifications information about interior specifications of the prospective custom-made product, where said interior specifications information corresponds to the selected candidate of the appearance specifications and being received from said manufacturer server for selection in the second menu by the customer.

15. (Previously Presented) A customer apparatus according to claim 14, wherein during the displaying of the interior specifications information at said customer apparatus, said display section displays said second menu contains the kinds of the interior specifications and all the candidates for each kind.

16. (Previously Presented) A method of selecting specifications of a custom-made product, comprising:

transmitting, from a manufacturer server to a customer apparatus, appearance image information of a prospective custom-made product as appearance specifications which are to reflect the appearance of the prospective custom-made product and which have a plurality of candidates, and displaying, on a display section of the customer apparatus, a first menu containing the appearance specifications for every candidate for selection in the first menu by the customer;

selecting one candidate from all the candidates of said appearance specifications in the first menu displayed on the display section;

transmitting, from the manufacturer server to the customer apparatus, various kinds of interior specifications information about interior specifications of the prospective custom-made product, and displaying, on the display of the customer apparatus, a second menu containing all kinds of said interior specifications information corresponding to the selected candidate of the appearance specifications for selection in the second menu by the customer; and

selecting desired kinds of the interior specifications from the second menu on the display section by the customer as prospective interior specifications of the selected candidate.

17. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 16, wherein during the displaying of the second menu, displaying the interior specifications information, said second menu contains all kinds of the interior specifications and all the candidates of the appearance specifications.

18. (Previously Presented) A selecting method according to claim 17, wherein during the displaying of the first menu, displaying the appearance specifications information and said second-named displaying step of displaying the interior specification information, delivery information about an estimated delivery term for every candidate is displayed on the display section upon receipt from the manufacturer server.

19. (Previously Presented) A selecting method according to claim 18, wherein after said selecting of the appearance specifications and the interior specifications from the first and second menus, the manufacturer server creates a confirmation page containing the appearance image information of the prospective custom-made product, which information corresponds to the result of said selecting, and transmits the confirmation page to the customer apparatus for displaying on the display section.

20. (Original) A selecting method according to claim 19, wherein the custom-made product is a personal computer, and the appearance specifications are display specifications.

21. (Previously Presented) A method of allowing a customer to customize a custom-made product, the method comprising:

receiving an initial menu from a manufacturer server and displaying the initial menu at a customer apparatus, where the initial menu shows images of computer systems, the images of the computer systems corresponding to combinations of different displays configured with different types of computer body forms including at least a desktop computer body form and a non-desktop computer body form;

allowing the customer, with the customer apparatus, to select a computer system from the initial menu; and

in response to the selecting, receiving, from the manufacturer server, at the customer apparatus, a second menu, where the second menu allows the customer to specify various computer parts from among candidate computer parts of different computer part categories, where there specified various computer parts are specified as computer parts for customizing a custom-made computer having a same body form type and a same display of the previously selected computer system, and where the candidate parts to be selected from among are a set of parts specific to the type of body of the custom-made computer, where different computer body form types have different sets of candidate computer parts that are specific to such body form type.